

CCA-NH 2004 Conservationist of the Year

Executive Councilor Ruth L. Griffin

CCA-NH is proud to present this year's Conservationist of the Year Award to Third District Executive Councilor Ruth L. Griffin for her outstanding contributions towards protection of our natural resources. Councilor Griffin, during her distinguished term on the Governor's Council, has taken special interest in coastal and marine resources that make up such an important part of the New Hampshire seacoast culture and economy.

Councilor Griffin has been a strong supporter of both recreational and commercial interests. Part of the immense impact of Councilor Griffin's leadership, stems from her input into appointments to key Departments, Boards, Commissions, Authorities and Councils. Councilor Griffin takes great care in making sure that the most qualified and hardworking candidates are chosen. This is reflected in the outstanding representation that the seacoast region receives from these appointees, who must first pass the question and answer session in Councilor Griffin's famous front parlor. The list of appointments is lengthy and their impact is widespread.

Some of the appointments that are of special importance to CCA New Hampshire are heads of State agencies such as the Fish and Game Department, Department of Resources and Economic Development, and the Department of Environmental Services, among others. Commission appointments include our state Fish and Game Commission, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, the New England Fisheries Management Council, the Advisory Board on Shore Fisheries, the NH Port Authority and the Pease Development Authority to name a few.

Councilor Griffin's support of and involvement in coastal conservation does not end with the appointment of quality individuals. She provides ongoing support for these varied appointees so they can successfully carry out their missions. A typical example of Councilor Griffin's support for a program is the purchase of the public access site in New Castle at Goat Island. She assisted the process so that the NH Fish and Game Department, with the help of CCA New Hampshire, were able to put together a package of support to complete this important acquisition. Again demonstrating her commitment and support, Councilor Griffin was one of the first dignitaries to arrive when the Department held the dedication ceremony. Finally, Councilor Griffin has been a great supporter of CCA NH and has been a regular attendee at all of CCA banquets and functions.

President Bob Ferri states "I always look forward to seeing the Councilor at the banquet. Her contributions in protecting our natural resources clearly demonstrates her support for New Hampshire's seacoast culture and economy. She has looked to CCA-NH for input which demonstrates to us that she recognizes we represent interests of importance."

Congratulations Councilor Griffin.